COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

DECEMBER 6, 2002

VIDEO TELECONFERENCE MEETING LOCATIONS:

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 123 EAST WASHINGTON BLVD., BLDG. B, LAS VEGAS

AND

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 1263 SOUTH STEWART ST., ROOM 301. CARSON CITY

AND

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 310 GALLETTI WAY, RENO

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT AT THE LAS VEGAS LOCATION:

David Ward, Chair Eric Albers, Ph.D. John Brailsford, Ph.D. (arrived at 9:25 A.M.) Johanna Fricke, M.D. (arrived at 9:25 A.M.) Rena Nora, M.D. Elizabeth Richitt, Ph.D. Joan McCraw, Registered Nurse

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following amendments were made to the October 10, 2002 minutes: Page 3, 1st line, ...this form has [no] *unknown* validity or reliability *and must be correlated with other clinical assessments.;* Page 3, 8th paragraph, ...Grant writers *facilitate grants that* pay for their own services.

MOTION: Dr. Nora moved to approve the October 10, 2002 minutes as amended, seconded by Dr. Richitt. The motion passed unanimously.

The following amendments were made to the October 11, 2002 minutes: Page 3, 1st paragraph, [Dr. Cratic] *Dr. Craddock;* Page 4, 7th paragraph, ...call are rolled over to, they just want someone to talk to. *Dr. Brailsford expressed concern that issues of territoriality were taking precedent over the quality of care.* Page 5, 2nd paragraph, Dr. Nora stated that the *Legislative Subcommittee Study has* ["Study of Suicide Prevention is] a summary of a year's work. [from a Legislative Subcommittee.]; Page 7, 5th paragraph, ...forensics programming for people with disabilities, but to [device] *devise* a way to do...; Page 12, correct spelling of Dr. Watanabe's name; Page 15, 2nd paragraph, ... dual diagnosis [is a barrier] *increases complexity* of care and needs...

MOTION: Dr. Brailsford moved to approve the October 11, 2002 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Dr. Nora. The motion passed unanimously.

CRISIS CALL CENTER/SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE COORDINATION TASK FORCE UPDATE

Dr. Nora stated that the Suicide Resource Coordination Task Force has held two meetings with a good response from participants. The Task Force has developed the survey tool and is currently in the process of identifying facilities, agencies, hospitals, and all those involved in the care of suicide patients. The Task Force will be distributing the survey with help from Ms. Allen's office. The Task Force wants to have a finished project prior to February 3rd, 2003. The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for December 17, 2002.

Mr. Ward thanked all those involved with the Task Force.

Mr. Ward requested that all individuals present at the three locations introduce themselves.

MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Andrew Zeiser stated that Nevada participated in the annual Regional Consultative Peer Review Process for the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) Block Grant on November 7, 2002, in Seattle, Washington. For the second year in a row, the grant application was approved without request for modification. The review was very positive and the Nevada representatives gathered valuable input from the review committee on how to improve the grant application for next year. Mr. Zeiser stated that the Council and the two Divisions also completed the annual Block Grant Implementation Report due to CMHS each December. This year, CMHS implemented new Uniform Reporting System (URS) requirements that consist of an extensive set of data tables containing a variety of measures to be reported. Even though the tables are in a developmental stage, Nevada successfully completed nearly all of the data reporting requirements and the Implementation Report was submitted early. The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2002, in the Tillim Room at Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS). The primary focus of the meeting will be to approve the Council's budget for FY 2003.

Alyce Thomas indicated that CMHS would like Nevada to provide more training for emergency technicians and the police force to deal with people with mental health issues and have the State become more involved. Ms. Thomas stated that as the Consumer Services Coordinator and as Council Chair, she is going to work to include that training in the Block Grant.

Dr. Kevin Crowe stated that it was a positive review and Nevada was well represented. He acknowledged the hard work by Mr. Zeiser on the grant application. Mr. Zeiser's work was also acknowledged at the national level.

Dr. Rosin stated that SNAMHS would be participating with the training of 30 police officers in February. Mr. Zeiser stated that they will need to be summarizing the training activities in the next grant application in order to the meet the requirements of the grant.

CONSUMER SERVICES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

Alyce Thomas stated that on November 21, 2002, the program received approval from IFC (Interim Finance Committee) to transfer funds from federal to state. The Program is moving forward with training and implementing projects stated in the work plan. There is currently a process in draft form for the review of complaints/concerns of consumers and will be reviewed in January. The Program is developing a data system to track complaints/concerns to provide better service and provide reports. Ms. Thomas stated that the web site "Consumer's Corner" is under development and hopes to be up and running by mid-January. This site will include frequently asked questions, area for comments, and the complaint/concern form. Ms. Thomas stated that they understand that not all consumers have computers but would like to have this web site available.

Dr. Crowe stated that the effort to attract client concerns would link closely with the Division's Performance Improvement Activities. A policy is currently under development for this activity. The reporting process hopes to be operational by February/March.

Chair Ward questioned if there had been any discussion regarding opportunities for consumers that don't have Internet access to gain that access at state facilities. Ms. Thomas stated that there are computer labs for clients use at the SNAMHS and NNAMHS facilities. Chair Ward questioned if clients are aware of this accessibility. Ms. Thomas stated that she is working on a brochure to publicize the Consumer Services Program and Internet access. Upon questioning by Chair Ward, Ms. Thomas stated that currently there is no Internet access for clients in the rural areas.

MHDS NORTHERN ADVISORY BOARD

There was no representative from the MHDS Northern Advisory Board.

MHDS SOUTHERN ADVISORY BOARD

Santa Perez, by interpreter stated, "Santa stated that the Board discussed the difficulty DRC is having downsizing their center by 12 beds. There was a discussion about the construction of a 250-bed mental health hospital and the Board was supportive of this project. The Board Chairperson contacted the new Director of the DMV, Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas will facilitate a meeting between the Board Chairperson and DMV training personnel regarding continuing problems regarding inappropriate questions that are asked of people with disabilities. Finally, the dental issue was again discussed.

Chair Ward thanked Ms. Perez for her report.

CRISIS CALL CENTER/SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE COORDINATION TASK FORCE UPDATE

Misty Allen stated that calls have been increasing and the Center is receiving about 2,000 calls per month, with a 30% increase from Clark County. Ms. Allen expressed concerns with volunteer staffing. She stated that they are working with UNR to allow their social work students to volunteer at the Center, beginning with the next fall semester. Ms. Allen reported that the Crisis Call Center is now an official member of the Hope Line Network. This membership opens avenues for funding through the research and network system. Ms. Allen stated that she is working with the Clark County Health District to improve public awareness in Clark County regarding the Center. This includes looking into websites for youths and radio campaigns beginning in the spring. Ms. Allen stated they just finished presentations in Winnemucca and Fernley to youth groups and the intermediate schools regarding suicide prevention. Ms. Allen expressed a concern, once again, that the Crisis Call Center phone number is not being given out and the Clark County Suicide Hotline is not giving out correct information.

Dr. Nora requested a follow-up with Dorothy Bryant regarding distress calls and questioned the message on the answer machine when there are no volunteers available.

ACTION: Dr. Nora will call the Clark County Suicide Hotline to hear the message.

Chair Ward questioned what happened to the emergency "211" number. Ms. Allen stated that this is not currently implemented in the State of Nevada. Ms. Allen stated the Crisis Call Center is part of the "800" suicide which eventually will be linked with "211" nationally. Ms. Allen stated that Nevada has only begun discussion on implementing the "211" system.

Mike Willden, Director of Human Resources, stated that the "211" recommendation came out of the Strategic Plan process with recommendation that the "211" process be funded. There is ongoing discussion with the Governor and Budget offices to implement the "211" system. The "211" system is a general access all for health and human service related needs with appropriate referrals out of the "211" system.

Following discussion, Dr. Brailsford suggested that minimum guidelines be developed for Suicide Prevention Hotlines that are operating in the State.

DENTAL SERVICES PRESENTATION

Dr. Craddock expressed concerns with current changes in Medicaid. In the past Medicaid covered comprehensive dental care, Medicaid is no longer covering those services. Medicaid is currently only covering teeth cleaning and emergency services. Dr. Craddock stated that very limited services are covered and Medicaid can only provide services with a waiver. Dr. Craddock stated that she understands the financial restraints on the system, but would like to improve the system to provide services to individuals in need. Dr. Craddock stated that there are numerous individuals in need of

dental care. Dr. Craddock expressed concern with individuals who will be on Medicaid for their whole life and can only receive limited dental services.

It was discussed that it is more cost effective to provide preventative/restorative care as opposed to emergency dental care.

Upon questioning by Chair Ward, Mike Willden, Director of Human Resources, stated that the dental issue has been discussed for at least the past 15 yeas and the issue is a lack of funding. Nevada Medicaid covers dental services at a minimum level. Mr. Willden stated that funding of dental service is an ongoing discussion and recommendations from the Task Force will be presented to the Legislature.

Chair Ward granted a break at 10:40 A.M. The meeting reconvened at 10:55 A.M.

MEDICAID REGULATIONS UPDATE

Stan Dodd stated that he contacted the individual in charge of dental services and requested the regulations that Medicaid follows. The dental regulations are a one-page document. Mr. Dodd stated that for adults in Nevada, Medicaid covers an assessment, x-rays and extractions to relieve pain.

Mr. Dodd stated if an individual is under waiver, the DRC provides dental care if it is requested in the Team process. DRC provides an annual check up, x-rays and cleaning (at Medicaid dental rates). This is funded through the residential placement category and the family support category. Currently, both of those categories are totally expended. Mr. Dodd stated that DRC set aside \$11,000 this year for dental care. This is based upon historical expenditure and available funding. Mr. Dodd stated that this is a real nationwide concern and issue.

MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM UPDATES/EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES

Ed Cotton updated the Commission on the activities of the Clark and Rural Consortia. The Consortia are trying to get children served that are not in the system, but need to be served. AB 1 was to focus on the children that are in the custody of the State or the counties that were not getting the services they needed for Seriously Emotionally Disturbed children. The Consortia want to also focus on children who are not in the system and how to get services to those children. The Consortia want to look at earlier preventative services, earlier assessments, and earlier intervention to get the children before they come into system or if they do come into foster care to keep them from entering high-end programs. Mr. Cotton stated that his staff will be reviewing how to move children in higher levels of care to lower levels of care with wrap around services and use the Consortia as byways to get those wrap around services available. Mr. Cotton stated that residential placement is expensive.

Mr. Cotton stated that the Rural Consortium is setting up the four wrap around position facilitators to get the wrap services going in Fallon, Carson City, Silver Springs and Elko – and working with all the rural areas. The Team is also reviewing an earlier assessment collaboration team that is currently functioning in Carson City. This is an

assessment of any child who comes into care in that area within 72 hours, the Team evaluates the child and makes recommendation for how services to either the family or the mental health needs of the children and foster care can be addressed to keep the child from going to the higher levels of care.

Mr. Cotton stated that the Consortia are working on their second annual plan that will be submitted in January 2003.

Dr. Albers questioned if there were plans for a policy/procedure to deal with substance abuse. Mr. Cotton stated that there are not enough programs to serve all the needs. Dr. Albers questioned if there were plans to tie all mental health programs together (parents/children/juvenile justice). Mr. Cotton stated that there are future plans to work with the juvenile justice system. This will be facilitated by a grant from the Department of Justice with emphasis on re-entry.

ACTION: Mr. Cotton stated that he would send a copy of the report, due out by the end of summer, with the outcomes of the self-study of child issues to each Commissioner.

Dr. Brailsford stated that he would like to see an increase in the payment to foster families with special needs children. Mr. Cotton stated that the payment to foster families could be increased for families with a special needs child and that can be rolled over to an adoption subsidy. Mr. Cotton stated that in the last legislative session, the foster care rate was increased substantially. Dr. Brailsford stated that family wrap around services are important to the foster family and the child. Mr. Cotton stated that there is a need to recruit foster families for special needs children and look at different ways to recruit foster families.

Dr. Fricke would like to make it clear that the Commission understands that every child going into the System has a bio-psycho-social risk. Dr. Fricke stated that the Commission needs to recognize the difficulty in accessing services for these children because they do need screening. Dr. Fricke supported having assessments on these children within 30 days.

Les Gruner updated the Commission on the activities of the Washoe Consortium. The Washoe Consortium's first annual plan was approved at the end of August and will be submitting their 2nd annual plan in mid-January. The next meeting of the Consortium will be held on December 9th and will focus on two areas. The first area will be to identify the need within the community for mental health services. The Consortium will be expanding surveys to 305 families identified as having severely emotionally disturbed children in the Washoe County School District. The survey will assess what services clients are receiving, how the services are helping, and what other services they would like to see.

ACTION: Mr. Gruner stated that he would share this information in the 2nd annual plan at the February meeting.

Mr. Gruner stated that AB 1 specifically dealt with custody children and there are many children out there, not in custody, which have mental health needs. The Consortium would like to try to identify what the needs of those children are.

Mr. Gruner stated that the second focus of the Consortium is specifically looking at identifying collaboration tools so that a child only has to be assessed once and provide an integrated network of services for that child.

SUICIDE TRAINING POLICIES FOR CHILDREN

Mr. Cotton stated that DRC is in the process of creating a Suicide Training Policy. The draft will amend the current training practice. Mr. Cotton stated that there are three major changes: 1. All of the mental health technicians and clinical staff must receive training on the suicide assessment and protocol with ten days of being hired; 2. All mental health technicians and clinical staff get recertified annually on the assessments and protocols; and 3. To look at specialized, more in-depth training that would be identified by individual position.

AGENCY DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Dr. Nora stated that SNAMHS seems to being doing more work with less staff. Dr. Nora commended the staff for doing a great job.

Dr. Brailsford stated that he likes that NNAMHS is providing more detail on the reports to include the challenges and impact on clients and services. Dr. Brailsford stated that the information is good for Commissioners to know and can relay this information to the Governor and Legislature.

Ms. Hosselkus responded to an issue brought up by Dr. Brailsford and stated that there have been difficulties in filling administrative support staff positions. Clinical staff is not doing payroll or clerical duties, but are doing their own word processing and filing. Upon questioning, Ms. Hosselkus stated that all state positions are frozen and cannot be filled, as there is no funding available.

Dr. Albers questioned the impact of staff doing the same amount of work with less support. What are the implications? Will there be greater waiting lists? What is the level of care? Will there be triage prior to treatment? What is the professional liability?

Chair Ward questioned if the preliminary budgets restore the 3% cuts made earlier this year? Ms. Hosselkus stated that the proposed budgets do restore the 3% cuts and the proposed budgets do take into consideration caseload growth and included within the budget are enhancements that provide for special considerations.

Marcia Bennett, RRC, stated that there is a correction on RRC report. There are 21 families on the waiting list for family support to include respite and in-home consultation services. This is the first year that RRC has had a waiting list for family support.

Dr. Richitt expressed concern at SRC that the service coordination is too high at 1-50/55 clients. The report states that the average service coordination is 1-50. Dr. Luke stated that the budget is for 1-45, but with more applicants and approval for services, the reality ratio will be 1-50. Dr. Luke stated that due to budget cuts there would be a waiver waiting list. A waiver is the way to use Medicaid funds to support

people in the community. This is the first time the SRC has had to develop a waiver waiting list. SRC is working with Medicaid to amend the waiver to address the workload issue, simplify the workload/paperwork, make the process more consumer friendly, have the federal government provide technical assistance for developmental services in February on quality assurance, and a public web page available by the end of December designed for the individuals seeking services.

Dr. Richitt asked if Dr. Neighbors had any information regarding the closure of the Clark County Detention Center. Dr. Neighbors stated that she had minimal information; they are working on a contract to provide services and there is a social worker on staff at the municipal courts to answer questions. Dr. Neighbors stated that arrangements have not yet been completed.

Ms. Hosselkus stated that for the current fiscal year 2003 there are budget impacts and restrictions on agencies. The increase in fringe benefits, group insurance rates, retirements, etc. has had a serious impact on agency budgets. Ms. Hosselkus wanted the Commission to be aware that there are serious agency budget problems and the agencies have been placed in difficult budget positions.

MOJAVE HOMELESS OUTREACH PROJECT

Mr. Mike Howie, Federal Homeless Outreach Project, stated that this is a residential program that lost its state funding, however received a federal homeless outreach grant.

Pat Salvado, Project Manager and Joanne Luhart, Social Worker, gave an overview of the Outreach Project. The Homeless Outreach Program is a federal grant and collaboration between health care for the homeless funding and community mental health funding at a national level. The population served is the very seriously mentally ill. There are many homeless, seriously mentally ill individuals who access medical and mental health treatment through emergency rooms and clinics, but because of their mental illness there are poor outcomes. The goal is to work with Nevada Health Center and other services to enhance service to these individuals. The goal of the Project is intensive case management. The federal grant amount is \$200,000 per year for three years. The Project provides services for individuals 18 years of age and older. The Project is licensed for ten beds with a six plus dedicated staff. The goal of the Project is to get individuals out of the System.

Chair Ward thanked Ms. Salvado and Ms. Luhart for applying for and managing the grant.

A lunch break was granted at 12:15 P.M.
The meeting reconvened at 1:30 P.M.
(Commissioner McCraw was not present in the afternoon portion of the meeting)

BBC RESEARCH AND CONSULTING REPORT UPDATE

Dr. Kevin Crowe updated the Commission on the special needs housing assessment. Each Commissioner has received a copy of the report. Dr. Crowe stated that the report was constructed at the request of the Housing Division to obtain statistical measures to

determine the need for housing for certain populations of individuals. The study was completed in the spring of 2002 and took the estimates of actual housing that is available and then compared it with some assumptions of the estimated needs. They did this for a variety of categories (elderly, Alzheimer's, physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, mental illness, homeless individuals, domestic violence victims, individuals with HIV or AIDS, and parolees. Dr. Crowe stated that the Executive Summary indicates that the needs of special needs populations in Las Vegas and Reno are extensive. In the mental health area there is a massive housing need in the developmental service areas. The populations that are at the greatest need of housing are individuals over 55 years of age and individuals with Alzheimer's. There is a drastic need of housing especially in Las Vegas. Dr. Crowe stated that the housing need for mentally ill individuals and for people with developmental disabilities is about in the middle of the total need. Dr. Crowe stated that the Business and Industry Division is strictly a housing company and financing source. The Business and Industry Division is going to keep up the database and provide incentives for individuals who want to build homes to serve these populations. Dr. Crowe stated that MHDS could begin by coordinating the work of various non-profit groups and actually develop an application to have developers and local land use individuals get funding from the Housing Division to build the facilities. Dr. Crowe stated that the issue remains the cost of operating the programs. There is a need for thousands of beds. Dr. Crowe stated that there has been a 30% increase over the last 3 years of individuals seeking services. Dr. Crowe stated that rural areas are not included in this report, only the areas of Las Vegas and Reno.

Ms. Hosselkus stated that the need is for community apartments and independent living situations.

ACTION: Dr. Crowe will send additional information regarding the building incentives from the Business and Industry Division to Chair Ward and Dr. Brailsford.

It was discussed that MHDS could help with the coordination of builders/developers to learn about the Business and Industry Division's incentives to build facilities.

STATEWIDE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. David Rosin stated that the psychiatric hospitals are in an acute care crisis. Dr. Rosin stated that a concept hospital would be the hub to support community services. Currently the hospital has 68 operational beds. A fully staffed hospital with 130 beds would be a major improvement.

Dr. Rosin reported that 17 of 18 positions have been filled permanently at SNAMHS, and they have candidates for the last position. Dr. Rosin stated that NNAMHS would be short staffed over the next few weeks.

Dr. Rosin stated that the residency program will continue to function in the North until June 30, 2003. The support of the University of Nevada, Reno is needed to continue the program. The accrediting bodies approved the residency program in the South, however University Medical Center withdrew their funding for the program. The residency program is researching other avenues of support.

Dr. Rosin reported that the pharmacy budget took a hit with the 3% budget cuts and lost the head pharmacist who retired at NNAMHS. Dr. Rosin stated that they have created a Pharmacy Oversight Committee that will determine how to manage the pharmacy budget. Dr. Rosin stated that they are in the processing of preparing a draft of a modified algorithm system. Dr. Rosin stated that in the South there are pharmacies open at Henderson and North Las Vegas.

Dr. Rosin reported that he reviews all of the deaths that occur within the Division. Dr. Rosin reviewed the deaths that were either suicide or ingestion/accidental overdose – all self-inflicted deaths. There were 58 consecutive deaths; 53 were self-inflicted deaths with only 1 death that was not a pure suicide. There were 52 out of the 53 deaths that had a strong connection to drugs and alcohol. Dr. Rosin stated that there is a need to focus on co-occurring disorders and provide treatment. There is a small model at SNAMHS that began in 1997-98 with BADA funds, this is group family counseling.

Dr. Buel stated that Rural Clinics, through an on-going grant from BADA, has been providing services in Mesquite, Pahrump and Tonopah for co-occurring disorders. As of November there were 45 individuals in that program.

ACTION: At the next meeting, Dr. Crowe will provide the Commission with a BADA survey of providers to determine the extent of mental illness within their service population, training needs, and staff needs. Dr. Crowe will ask individuals from BADA to present this information at the April meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

INFORMATIONAL

Ms. Hosselkus stated that the following are included in the Commission packet for information:

- NRS 433A.360;
- National Center for Responsible Gaming: 2001;
- The Study Committee on Corrections:
- NTAC: Service Systems Supports During the Transition from Adolescence to Adulthood: Parent Perspectives; and
- Cooperative Data Arrangement between MHDS and Nevada State Health Division.

Dr. Crowe stated that a memorandum from Dr. Brandenburg was sent to the Health Division to cement an agreement with the Health Division. The Health Division awarded MHDS the proposal. As of January 1, 2003, a full time researcher will begin work. Dr. Crowe and Richard Whitley, Health Division, will be overseeing the work. A work plan is being developed for this position. The work plan will include mental health and communicable disease studies; mental health and correctional inmate studies; mental health, chronic disease, injuries and behavioral risk factor studies; mental health and

mortality/suicide studies; and cross matching of MHDS database and specific analyses of the Nevada Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

ACTION: Dr. Crowe will provide a Work Plan at the February meeting. The Work Plan will lead to program development and training.

DISCUSSION OF GOVERNOR'S LETTER

Chair Ward led the discussion regarding the letter to the Governor. He distributed a draft of the letter for Commission review. Chair Ward reviewed the letter and stated that he would like to include all of the attachments to provide more detail. It was discussed to have a general letter with attachments and recommendations for funding the projects.

Dr. Nora and Dr. Richitt recommended that the letter be no longer than two pages.

There was discussion to send this letter to the Health Committee and the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate.

Dr. Brailsford suggested that the Commission select 4-5 critical need priorities and list the remaining issues in one paragraph.

Dr. Albers suggested that the letter end with an invitation to the Governor to meet with the Commission to discuss issues. Dr. Albers would like to add the issue of the residency program to be maintained and expanded in Southern Nevada.

It was a general consensus to list all of the needs/issues. There was discussion to add a statement of what the Commission has accomplished. It was agreed upon to include supporting documents for the issues as enclosures to the letter.

A break was granted at 3:08 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 3:20 P.M.

The Commission discussed the priority order of the issue/needs list. Chair Ward will collect individual Commission member recommendations and finalize the letter.

DISCUSSION OF DUAL DIAGNOSIS

Chair Ward stated that this item was discussed earlier.

REPORT FROM MHDS COMMISSIONERS/ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Dr. Nora questioned Dr. Rosin if West Care had funding. Dr. Rosin stated that there is a bill draft for \$640,000 for West Care and they are seeking funding from the state, city and county. The funding package is not complete. Dr. Rosin stated that there are serious issues regarding medical screening and licensure of the facility. The facility plans to hire approximately 70 staff and has approximately 100 beds.

Dr. Brailsford suggested a separate letter to the Governor regarding the need for a hospital in Southern Nevada. Dr. Brailsford stated that he has already met with a

representative from Las Vegas Mayor Goodman's office and will be meeting with Assemblyman Elect Joe Hardy regarding mental health legislative proposals. Dr. Brailsford suggested looking toward local government support for a hospital in Southern Nevada.

Dr. Fricke stated that Joan Crandy is giving the autism service presentation to the Maternal Child Help Advisory Board today.

Dr. Richitt stated that West Hills has submitted their procedures and questioned if the procedures are complete, as there appears to be two Chapter Fives and a Chapter Six that seems identical to Chapter Five. Deputy Attorney General Irvin stated that his direction from the Commission was to get the procedures, not determine completeness.

Dr. Albers questioned if there is a way to tag Action Items that are discussed to make sure that they are listed on the next agenda for follow-up. Mr. Irvin suggested that when an action item is discussed that a Commissioner make a motion to have that item placed on the next agenda. Dr. Albers stated that he preferred the meeting room at Children's Special Services.

Ms. Hosselkus stated that they tried to get the Children's Clinic for this meeting and future meetings of the Commission would be held at Department of Human Resources meeting locations.

ACTION: Dr. Albers questioned whether the Commission should be overseeing the grant for domestic violence funding. The Commission reviews the grant for domestic violence funding every three years and the next scheduled review is next year. Chair Ward requested that this be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Ms. Hosselkus stated that she would provide a report at the next Commission meeting.

Dr. Richitt moved to go into Executive Session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional confidence, physical or mental health of a person in relation to the denial of the rights of a client or the care and treatment of a client, seconded by member Albers. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's regular meeting was closed at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Harper Recording Secretary